

MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LA CRESCENT, MINNESOTA
APRIL 27, 2015

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the second meeting of the City Council of the City of La Crescent for the month of April was called to order by Acting Mayor Dale Williams at 5:30 PM in the La Crescent City Hall, La Crescent, Minnesota, on Monday, April 27, 2015, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon a roll call taken and tallied by the City Administrator, the following members were present: Members Bernie Buehler, Ryan Hutchinson, Brian Krenz, and Dale Williams. Absent: Mayor Mike Poellinger - excused. Also present was City Administrator Bill Waller and City Attorney Skip Wieser.

Acting Mayor Williams asked if anyone wished to take action to change the agenda as presented. There were no changes requested.

ITEM 1 – CONSENT AGENDA

At this time, Acting Mayor Williams read the following items to be considered as part of the Consent Agenda for this regular meeting:

- 1.1 MINUTES – APRIL 13, 2015
- 1.2 BILLS PAYABLE THROUGH APRIL 23, 2015

At the conclusion of the reading of the Consent Agenda, Acting Mayor Williams asked if the Council wished to have any of the items removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. Member Buehler made a motion, seconded by Member Krenz, as follows:

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Brian Krenz	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

ITEM 3.1 – PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES – APRIL 21, 2015

City Council reviewed the Minutes of the April 21, 2015 Planning Commission. This was informational and no action was taken.

ITEM 3.2 – LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

City Council reviewed two (2) applications for liquor licenses. The first one was from Lancer Youth Hockey for May 20, 2015 at the La Crescent Community Arena. The second one was from Lizfest which is scheduled

for August 8, 2015 at Veterans Park. The City Administrator informed the Council that the applications appear to be in order and recommended approval. Following discussion, Member Krenz made a motion, seconded by Member Hutchinson, as follows:

MOTION TO GRANT A LIQUOR LICENSE TO LANCER YOUTH HOCKEY FOR MAY 20, 2015 AT THE LA CRESCENT COMMUNITY ARENA AND FOR LIZFEST ON AUGUST 8, 2015 AT VETERANS PARK.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Brian Krenz	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

ITEM 3.3 – 2015 LOCAL STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

City Administrator Waller gave an overview to City Council of the proposed 2015 local street improvement project. The City's 2015 general fund budget includes \$157,502. The project includes the following:

1. Reconstruct Hillview Blvd., from the intersection with North Chestnut Street to the intersection with Riverview and Hillcrest Avenues. The project will also include the replacement of approximately 250 feet of curb and gutter, along with the installation of new guard rails.
2. Reconstruct Fireside Drive, from the intersection of Elm Street to the intersection of McIntosh Road East.
3. Subject to availability of funding, Fireside Place and Fireside Court would be bid as an alternate bid to the project.

It was recommended to Council to approve the outline specification and authorize that the project be advertised for bid with bid results to be presented at the May 26, 2015 City Council meeting. Following discussion, Member Buehler made a motion, seconded by Member Hutchinson, as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE OUTLINE SPECIFICATION FOR THE 2015 LOCAL STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AS PRESENTED AND AUTHORIZE THAT THE PROJECT BE ADVERTISED FOR BID WITH BID RESULTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE MAY 26, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Brian Krenz	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

ITEM 2.0 – PUBLIC HEARING – ALLEY VACATION

At 5:35 PM a public hearing was called by Acting Mayor Williams regarding the vacation of a portion of an alley. City Administrator Waller and City Attorney Wieser gave an overview of the vacation and reviewed a copy of the public hearing notice, a map showing the area that is proposed to be vacated and a Resolution to vacate a portion of the public alley. There were no questions from City Council. Acting Mayor Williams opened the meeting for public comments. Comments were heard from Bart Pedretti, Bruce Bauer, Linda Pedretti, Andrew Pedretti and Don Buchan. Acting Mayor Williams closed the public hearing at 5:32 PM. Following discussion of vacating the east 85' only and to reserve utility easement, Member Krenz introduced the following resolution and moved its passage and adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 04-15-10

A RESOLUTION VACATING A PORTION OF A PUBLIC ALLEY

THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT, MINNESOTA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the City Council called for a public hearing noting its interest in vacating pursuant to Minnesota Statute § 412.851 a portion of the platted alley lying east of Walnut Street between Main Street and North 1st Street described as: the most easterly portion of the platted alley approximately 85' x 18.5' lying southerly of Lots One (1) and Two (2), Block Six (6) and northerly of Lot Nine (9), Block Six (6) of Manton Plat to the City of La Crescent, as illustrated on the attached map; and setting a public hearing to consider the vacation of such street; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing to consider the vacation of such street was held on April 27, 2015 before the City Council in the City Hall located 315 Main Street, La Crescent, Minnesota at 5:35 p.m. after due published and posted notice had been given, as well as personal mailed notice to all affected property owners by the City Attorney on the 6th day of April, 2015, and all interested and affected persons were given an opportunity to voice their concerns and be heard; and

WHEREAS, any person, corporation or public body owning or controlling easements contained upon the property vacated, reserves the right to continue maintaining the same or to enter upon such way or portion thereof vacated to maintain, repair, replace or otherwise attend thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Council in its discretion has determined that the vacation will benefit the public interest because the proposed alley is not used by the City and vacation of the alley will provide an opportunity to encourage industry and expand employment opportunities.

WHEREAS, four-fifths of all members of the City Council concur in this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF LA CRESCENT, COUNTY OF HOUSTON MINNESOTA, that such petition for vacation is hereby granted and the portion of the alley described as follows is hereby vacated: the most easterly portion of the platted alley approximately 85' x 18.5' lying southerly of Lots One (1) and Two (2), Block Six (6) and northerly of Lot Nine (9), Block Six (6) of

Manton Plat to the City of La Crescent, as illustrated on the attached map. Reserving onto the City of La Crescent an easement through said vacated alley for all utility purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Acting Mayor and City Administrator are hereby authorized to sign all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution.

Adopted by the Council this 27th day of April, 2015.

Approved:

Acting Mayor

Attested:

City Administrator

The foregoing motion was duly seconded by Member Hutchinson and upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, the following voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Brian Krenz	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried and the resolution duly passed and adopted.

ITEM 3.4 – UPDATE ON HAZARDOUS BUILDING

City Attorney Wieser gave an overview to City Council regarding the hazardous building located at 1423 Grandview Court. This was informational and no action was taken.

ITEM 3.5 – PERSONNEL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

City Council reviewed a recommendation from the Personnel Committee that the probationary status be removed on May 17, 2015 for Shawn Wetterlin as the City's Building Official and that he be classified as a regular City employee. On May 17, 2015, Mr. Wetterlin will have completed his six month probationary period. Following discussion, Member Buehler made a motion, seconded by Member Hutchinson, as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROBATIONARY STATUS BE REMOVED ON MAY 17, 2015 FOR SHAWN WETTERLIN AS THE CITY'S BUILDING OFFICIAL AND MR. WETTERLIN BE DESIGNATED AS A REGULAR CITY EMPLOYEE FOR THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Brian Krenz	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

ITEM 3.6 – ANNEXATION UPDATE

City Attorney Wieser gave an overview to City Council regarding the three (3) Orders approved by the Office of Administrative Hearings regarding the three (3) contested annexations. The Court provides that these 33 properties are now part of the City, effective April 20, 2015. This was informational and no action was taken.

ITEM 3.7 – HEALTHY COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP REQUEST

City Council reviewed a request from Healthy Community Partnership to use the west half of the alley from Oak Street to the Library to host a hometown social which includes a play at the Community Center the weekend of June 26-28, 2015. Tents, picnic tables and chairs will fill the alley space to create a hometown setting for the event. The east end of the alley will remain open for access to the Police Department, Quillins and Heth Hardware. Following discussion, Member Hutchinson made a motion, seconded by Member Buehler, as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLOSING THE WEST HALF OF THE ALLEY FROM OAK STREET TO THE LIBRARY FOR THE WEEKEND OF JUNE 26-28, 2015 FOR THE HEALTHY COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP TO HOST A HOMETOWN SOCIAL.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Brian Krenz	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

ITEM 3.8 – VFW REQUEST

City Council reviewed a request from VFW Post 11542 to waive the park shelter fee at Old Hickory Park on July 26, 2015 for the Post to hold a member picnic to recognize its 20th Anniversary. Following discussion, Member Krenz made a motion, seconded by Member Buehler, as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE WAIVING THE SHELTER FEE AT OLD HICKORY PARK ON JULY 25, 2015 FOR VFW POST 11542 TO HOLD A MEMBER PICNIC TO RECOGNIZE ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Brian Krenz	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

ITEM 6.1 – STAFF CORRESPONDENCES/COMMITTEE UPDATES – LIBRARY DIRECTORS REPORT

Acting Mayor Williams reviewed with City Council the Director's Report for February 2015 – March 2015 for the La Crescent Public Library. No action taken.

ITEM 6.1 – STAFF CORRESPONDENCES/COMMITTEE UPDATES – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

City Council reviewed the Minutes from the April 8, 2015 La Crescent Development Commission meeting. No action taken.

ITEM 8 – CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

La Crescent Chamber of Commerce reported that the Wagon Wheel Trail Ribbon Cutting would be on May 21, 2015.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Member Buehler made a motion, seconded by Member Krenz, to adjourn the meeting. Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Brian Krenz	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried and the meeting duly adjourned at 6:14 PM.

APPROVAL DATE: _____

SIGNED:

Acting Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator